



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

Leitner, et al.

Group Art Unit: 3618

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For

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Examiner

G. B. Klebe

CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election-of-Species Requirement set forth in the Notice of Allowability mailed on March 31, 2005, Applicant hereby confirms its provisional election of Species VII identified by the Examiner, corresponding to Figures 22-25A. All pending claims (56-81) are readable on this species. The election of species made herein does not limit the applicability of the present claims to cover species other than that elected.

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If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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